

Report for the Year 1931—1932

EXCAVATIONS.

During the past year the excavation of the South Barrow, Tynings Farm, has been completed and the barrow rebuilt. The results of the investigation will be published in the next number of *Proceedings*, together with the report on the Central Barrow. The excavation of the latter has been completed, and it is hoped to finish the rebuilding shortly.

The excavation of the earthwork named Gorsey Bigbury has been continued, but owing to the unforeseen immensity of the task has been much slower than was anticipated. A wide ditch some 9 feet deep lies on each side of the causeway inside the rampart. This contains a hearth in which pygmy flints are associated with beaker pottery. A burial was found in the bottom of the ditch and the skull has been reconstructed to be reported upon in a future issue of *Proceedings*.

The discovery of a flat cyst at Corston, near Bath, is reported upon in this issue.

LIBRARY.

Many books have been added to the Society's Library; our thanks are especially due to Mr. O. G. S. Crawford, Prof. L. S. Palmer, Messrs. Ackland and C. W. Phillips, Professors V. Gordon Childe and Karl Absolon, Mr. S. J. Jones, Dr. C. B. Perry, Mrs. B. A. Crook, Mr. R. F. Parry, Dr. F. Langford, Mr. H. G. Jefferies, Dr. Cyril Fox, Mr. Reginald Smith, Mrs. D. P. Dobson, Dr. E. Cecil Curwen, Messrs. L. Y. Baker and C. F. Moysey, and to the following Societies and Institutions: Kungl. Universitets Bibliotek, Uppsala; Bath Municipal Libraries; Istituto Italiano di Speleologica; Smithsonian Institute; Bristol Naturalists' Society; Field Museum of Natural History; Irish Naturalists' Society; Prehistoric Society of East Anglia; Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society; Torquay Natural History Society; Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club; Yorkshire Ramblers' Club; Wiener Prähistorische Gesellschaft; and the United States Geological Survey.

MUSEUM.

The Society's collections have been greatly enriched by material from its recent excavations. A stone cyst from the Central Barrow,

Tynings Farm, has been set up in the Society's Museum. A model of the flat cyst at Corston has been accurately made on a scale of one inch to the foot. Much pottery has been reconstructed, notably the beaker from Corston and six vessels from the Early Iron Age site of Little Solsbury, Bath. We wish to express our grateful thanks to Dr. Blackett of Bath for presenting the Society with a very well-preserved Roman skeleton found in a stone coffin at Bath, together with the coffin itself, to Mr. Ackland for many gifts, including a very fine set of Palæolithic implements from the Thames gravels, to Mrs. Thrift for the generous loan of the material from the Corston cyst, and to Mr. Falconer for his collection from Little Solsbury.

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